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SUBJECT: OAS REPORTS 89 PERCENT BUT ESTIMATES 94 PERCENT OF CARDS DISTRIBUTED

According the most recent data from the OAS, the OAS had distributed 3,133,907 or roughly 89 percent of the 3,535,025 Haitian ID cards as of late January. Taking into account delayed reporting, most of the OAS figures date from January 27 - 28, the OAS estimated that it had actually distributed more than 3.3 million or 94 percent of the cards as of February 2. The department of the South East had distributed the lowest percentage of cards, 83 percent, as of January 28. The OAS will continue to distribute cards from the communal electoral bureaus (BEC) where long lines have formed daily since January 31. OAS officials said they expect to distribute nearly all of the ID cards before the first round of elections on February 7.

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